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FOR OES/APT, DR. GANLEY

DEPT. PASS TO DHEW/OIH, DR. KING

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1. DR. KING AND SCICOUNS CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL ON 9/13, BUT SLIGHTLY MODIFIED AGENCIES CALLED UPON. NO HEALTH OR REHABILITATION PROGRAMS OF JOINT NATURE ARE KNOWN WITHIN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, SO THAT AGENCY WAS NOT VISITED. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN DEVELOPING UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, WAS ADDED.

2. FIRST CALL WAS AT MHW, WHERE MEETING WAS HELD WITH SHINJI KANEDA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND HIS STAFF. HIS REACTION TO USG PROPOSAL WAS NEGATIVE AT FIRST, BUT WHEN IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT USG WAS NOT LOOKING FOR IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE BY GOJ AND THAT DEVELOPMENT OF UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WOULD PROCEED DELIBERATELY TO PERMIT OBTAINING FULL CONSENSUS WITHIN GOJ, HE BECAME MUCH MORE POSITIVE. ONE REASON FOR INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTION BY KANEDA PROVED TO BE THAT HE HAS BEEN DESIGNING AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD FORMALIZE SEVERAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH USG IN

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HEALTH AND REHABILITATION FIELD (INCLUDING FOOD AND DRUG

REGULATION, PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS, AND REHABILITATION ENGINEERING)-- WHAT HE CALLS THE "HEALTH AND WELFARE JOINT STUDY PROGRAM". OVER COURSE OF PAST SEVERAL MONTHS HE HAD BEEN SEEKING A RELATIVELY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN MHW AND DHEW TO WORK OUT SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND HE OBVIOUSLY APPEARED TO BE WORRIED THAT USG INITIATIVE WOULD OVERTAKE AND NEGATE HIS PREVIOUS WORK. USG OFFICIALS ASSURED HIM THAT HIS EFFORTS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IN CONSTRUCTING UMBRELLA AGREEMENT AND THAT IT WAS NOT INTENTION OF USG THAT RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANY GOJ MINISTRY WOULD BE SHIFTED OR DILUTED. KANEDA ULTIMATELY AGREED THAT NEW MHW-DHEW JOINT EFFORTS COULD BE DEVELOPED DURING PERIOD THAT UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WAS BEING STUDIED BY TWO GOVERNMENTS. TIMING OF FORMAL USG PRESENTATION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT TO GOJ (I.E., SOME TIME IN FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 1977) WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM, AS WAS REASON FOR TIMING.

3. KANEDA ARRANGED FOR USG OFFICIALS TO MAKE COURTESY CALL ON GEN. TAKAGI, VICE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE. BAREST ESSENCE OF USG PROPOSAL WAS GIVEN TO TAKAGI, WHO WAS PREOCCUPIED BY MHW'S HEAVY INVOLVEMENT IN DISASTER RESULTING FROM TYPHOON RAINS IN SOUTHERN JAPAN.

4. SECOND CALL WAS AT MOFA, WHERE SHINICHIRO ASAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, RECEIVED VISITORS IN ABSENCE OF DG YAMAZAKI. ASAO LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, ASKED SEVERAL PERCEPTIVE QUESTIONS, AND OFFERED MOFA SUPPORT TO NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INTERNAL COORDINATION WOULD BE REQUIRED BY GOJ FOR ANY CROSS-MINISTRY AGREEMENT AND THAT MOFA WOULD BE GIVING USG ITS VIEWS DURING DISCUSSION PERIOD LEADING TO PRESENTATION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT. ASAO APPEARED TO LIKE CONCEPT INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY IN SENSE THAT A HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OF NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE (IN POLITICAL SENSE) WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

5. LAST CALL WAS ON TAKETOSHI IMAMURA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. IMAMURA AND HIS STAFF SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN PROPOSAL AND ASKED THAT A WRITTEN STATEMENT BE FORWARDED BY EMBASSY COVERING COGENT POINTS (TIME DID NOT PERMIT PREPARATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"TALKING PAPER"IN ADVANCE). AS AT OTHER MINISTRIES, MOE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT ABILITY OF GOJ MINISTRIES TO COORDINATE AMONG THEMSELVES. DR. KING POINTED OUT GREAT ADVANTAGES THAT ACCRUE FROM CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAMS (AS EXEMPLIFIED BY MOE ACTIVITIES) AND MEDICAL APPLICATIONS EFFORTS (MHW WORK).

6. COMMENT: ALL IN ALL, GOJ MINISTRIES APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED

IN USG PROPOSAL, RECOGNIZE ITS VALUE, AND ARE WILLING TO
WORK WITH US IN DEVELOPING MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT.
EMBASSY WILL PREPARE BRIEF PAPER BASED ON REFTEL AND FORWARD
IT TO THREE AGENCIES CONTACTED AS STRICTLY INFORMAL DOCUMENT.
OVER PERIOD OF NEXT FEW MONTHS, IF ANY ADDITIONAL USG THINKING
CAN BE PRESENTED TO GOJ, IT WILL HELP TO KEEP MATTER ALIVE.
SOME INTERIM ACCOMMODATION TO KANEDA'S DESIRE TO FORMALIZE FDA
AND OTHER CURRENT AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE NECESSARY. WE
BELIEVE THIS COULD BE DONE WITH PROVISIO THAT WHEN OVERALL
AGREEMENT IS CONSUMMATED, SUCH ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUBSUMED
BY UMBRELLA WITHOUT LOSS OF IDENTITY. END COMMENT.
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